

and receive critique in a safe environment where repetition and reinforcement do not jeopardize patient safety. The initiative has support throughout the region, where this will be a one-of-a-kind facility.

Requesting Member: Rep. ELTON GALLEGLY
Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Thousand Oaks

Address of Requesting Entity: 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Description of Request: This request of \$5 million is for the widening of the US-101 and SR-23 Interchange from the Los Angeles/Ventura County line to Moorpark Road (US-101) and Hillcrest Drive (SR-23). The proposed improvements include the extension of existing auxiliary lanes in both directions, conversion of auxiliary lanes to mixed-flow lanes, addition of a northbound lane, realignment and widening of ramps at the interchange, and the construction of soundwalls and retaining walls. The improvements are necessary to relieve congestion along the 101 and 23 Freeways in the City of Thousand Oaks. CalTrans recently began the three-year project to widen the Route 23 Freeway connecting to the 101/23 Interchange. Completion of the improvements is crucial to achieve the congestion benefits of the project. The Ventura County Transportation Commission considers both improvements as integral parts of a single congestion relief project. Since the widening of the freeway is now underway, the interchange improvement needs to move forward without delay.

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Bill: H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009

Account: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: County of Santa Barbara

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Description of Request: The Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building is owned by the County of Santa Barbara and serves as a community resource for the area's veterans, non-profit groups and other residents. Constructed in 1936, the building is home to several veterans groups. It is comprised of multiple offices, a large commercial kitchen, and two large halls that are able to accommodate hundreds of people. This request of \$865,000 is for a number of upgrades that would help bring the building up to code. They include improvements to make the building more accessible for people with disabilities, enhance safety features such as installation of fire rated doors and a fire alarm and sprinkler system, heating and plumbing improvements, asbestos and lead paint abatement, and the replacement of electric circuitry and the re-wiring of the building.

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Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Santa Paula

Address of Requesting Entity: 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060

Description of Request: This request for \$1.5 million is for the City of Santa Paula to assist with its plan to repair and expand public athletic facilities and gathering areas at Teague Park. The park, initially constructed in 1976, has served as the primary recreation area for the City of Santa Paula. Teague Park is the primary recreation and gathering site for the majority of Santa Paula residents. Santa Paula's rapid population growth has resulted in a significant strain on the park's resources and facilities. This heavy use has left the park dilapidated and unsafe. The improvements will provide safer sports facilities, along with safer, more accessible park amenities for non-sport uses.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MERCED ASSEMBLY CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, on February 19th, this nation will recognize the 67th Anniversary of the "Day of Remembrance." This was the day in 1942 that President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which led to the internment of over 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The President's decision to intern Americans was an avoidable consequence of racial prejudice and wartime hysteria. The government at all levels was blinded by war, and made decisions that were contrary to our Constitution. The failure of each branch of government to uphold the rights of individuals must be taught so that future generations resist succumbing to the politics of fear.

Because of one of the darkest periods of our Nation's history, we learned of the damage that can be done when we let the politics of fear cloud our judgment. Congress has not only recognized a Day of Remembrance, but it also supports and funds assembly center and internment site preservation as a physical reminder of past inequality.

Today, we recognize the historical significance of the Merced Assembly Center, located in Merced, California, where 4,669 Japanese-Americans were detained prior to being transferred to internment sites. My dear friend and colleague, Congressman MIKE HONDA, was held at the Merced Assembly Center prior to being interned.

It is important to preserve these sites to ensure that future generations can learn from past events in order to prevent anything like this from ever occurring again. The unveiling of the Merced Assembly Center on February 21, will allow the site to serve as a place for remembering the hardships endured by Japanese-Americans.

As we look back on a time in our Nation's history, and how our country has responded since, we should have hope for the future. Around the world, human rights violations continue unabated. Yet, we can combat this by working with a single purpose towards a future wherein every person, regardless of race, gender, nationality or creed enjoys equal treatment in this world.

And today, 67 years after the signing of Executive Order 9066, we must renew our commitment to bringing these rights to all people.

Though the internment remains one of the darkest periods in our Nation's history, preservation like the Merced Assembly Center help to remind us of the distinctly American power of redemption. Our collective commitment to fairness and justice is the only way to prevent such a blatant form of injustice from ever becoming a reality again.

STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 23, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act, which would require standards and enforcement provisions to prevent child abuse and neglect in residential programs for teens with behavioral, emotional, mental health, or substance abuse problems.

When families struggle with a troubled teen, many eventually look to private or public residential programs for help. Parents deserve to know that their child will be safe and in good hands. However, in some states residential facilities are subject to state law or regulation, but in other states they are not. Because of the resulting loose patchwork of state oversight and lack of accountability, at some programs, young people have been subject to abuse and neglect. In a small number of cases, this abuse and neglect has led to the death of a child.

The Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act sets new national standards to prohibit abuse and neglect and increases transparency to help parents make safer choices for their children. The bill also holds teen residential programs accountable for violating the law and asks states to step in to protect teens in these programs.

We have an obligation to keep teens safe, especially when they and their families are battling behavioral, emotional, mental health, or substance abuse problems. I hope that this legislation will support families in their pursuit of the health and well-being of their children.

TRIBUTE TO JACK POLLOCK

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a fellow Nebraskan who made our state proud in so many ways. Jack Pollock, from the town of Ogallala, Nebraska, was long a fixture in the Nebraska newspaper industry and an inductee to the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, Jack passed away earlier this week. My heart goes out to his wife, Beverly, and his family.

Each year, the NEBRASKAland Foundation celebrates Nebraska's entrance into the union.